

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.115 is being filed concurrently with applicant's Divisional Application Filing Request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(B). Applicant's present application is a divisional application of parent application serial no. 09/834,505, filed 13 April 2001.


In the above-identified parent application, the Examiner subjected claims 1-118 to a restriction requirement and a multiplicity requirement. The Examiner issued a restriction requirement to Group I claims 1-73 (catalyst) and 106-118 (method to make) and Group II claims 74-105 (method of use). Applicant provisionally elected Group I, claims 1-73 and 106-118. The Examiner also issued a multiplicity requirement requiring applicant to select 20 claims. Applicant filed an Amendment on 26 November 2002 electing 20 claims from the claims set forth in Group I, specifically claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 20, 21, 29, 34, 39, 40, 41, 42, 48, 60, 62, 63, 106, and 109. Applicant has now received a Notice of Allowance dated 20 January 2004 in the parent application.

In this divisional patent application, applicant elects to prosecute the claims from Group II, claims 74-105. Applicant has elected to prosecute 20 claims from Group II, specifically claims 74-75, 78-82, and 93-105.

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These amendments to the claims are fully supported in the specification as originally filed, and thus no new matter is introduced by these amendments in accordance with 35 U.S.C. Section 132. Applicant requests entry of these amendments and respectfully requests that the Examiner pass the above-identified application to issue. Applicant requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney should the Examiner have any questions or comments which might be most expeditiously handled by a telephone conference. If any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 18-1843.

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